

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 VIENNA 04797 251546Z  
ACTION IO-14

INFO OCT-01 AF-10 ARA-10 EA-10 EUR-12 NEA-11 HA-05  
ISO-00 L-03 JUSE-00 FTC-01 CTME-00 AID-05 CEA-01  
CIAE-00 COME-00 EB-08 FRB-03 INR-10 NSAE-00  
OPIC-03 SP-02 TRSE-00 LAB-04 SIL-01 AGRE-00  
OMB-01 SS-15 DOE-15 SOE-02 DOEE-00 H-01 PA-01  
XMB-02 OIC-02 SSO-00 NSCE-00 INRE-00 ICAE-00 /153 W  
-----114492 251556Z /45

O R 251540Z MAY 78  
FM AMEMBASSY VIENNA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6531  
INFO AMEMBASSY PARIS  
AMEMBASSY PRETORIA  
USMISSION USUN NEW YORK

C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENNA 04797

PARIS FOR OECD

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EINV  
SUBJECT: UN COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS:  
ADOPTION OF G-77 RESOLUTION ON SOUTHERN AFRICA

REF: A) STATE 132076 B) VIENNA 4737 C) VIENNA 4698

1. FOLLOWING YESTERDAY'S ANNOUNCEMENT BY CHAIRMAN (BRUCE)  
THAT INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS TO MODIFY TEXT REF B WERE  
FUTILE, UN COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS  
(TNC'S) ADOPTED THURSDAY MORNING MAY 25 RESOLUTION INTRO-  
DUCED BY G-77 (TEXT REF B WITH THREE MINOR TECHNICAL  
AMENDMENTS SUGGESTED TO G-77 BY SECRETARIAT). RESULT OF  
ROLL CALL WAS 25 YES, 6 NO (US, UK, FRANCE, FRG, CANADA,  
SWITZERLAND), AND 5 ABSTENTIONS (ITALY, NETHERLANDS,  
SWEDEN, JAPAN, SPAIN).

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 VIENNA 04797 251546Z

2. CANADA DEL SURPRISED BY INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTE NO,  
HAVING RECOMMENDED ABSTENTION TO EXTAFF. CANADA DEL  
EXPLANATION OF VOTE NOTED DISAGREEMENT WITH THRUST OF  
RESOLUTION AND INAPPROPRIATENESS OF FORUM. FRG ON BEHALF  
OF ALL EC-9 COMMISSION MEMBERS READ CAREFULLY NEGOTIATED  
TEXT NOTING POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TNC PRESENCE IN SOUTH  
AFRICA CAN MAKE, AND INCONSISTENCY IN THEIR VIEW OF

PROPOSED MEASURES WITH UNDERLYING AIMS OF THE RESOLUTION  
TO ELIMINATE APARTHEID.

3. JAPAN AND SWEDEN NOTED TNC COMMISSION NOT COMPETENT  
FORUM TO ADDRESS ISSUES POSED BY RESOLUTION. US DEL IN  
BRIEF REMARKS MADE THIS POINT, RECALLED WE HAD DISCUSSED  
THE POSSIBILITY OF NEGOTIATING REVISIONS TO THE TEXT,  
AND WERE TOLD BY SPONSORS THAT THIS NOT POSSIBLE.  
JAMAICAN DEL (NEIL) BEFORE VOTE MADE STATEMENT IN  
EXPLANATION OF G-77 POSITION WHICH REFLECTED REGRET AT  
WESTERN REACTION TO TEXT. IN PRIVATE, NEIL REGRETTED  
UNANTICIPATED CANADIAN VOTE IN PARTICULAR, AS RESULT OF  
UNCOMPROMISING G-77 TACTICS, BUT UNDERLINED THE FIRMNESS  
OF AFRICAN GROUP ON THIS TOUGHER LINE. BORG

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 jan 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** COMMISSIONS, ADOPTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 25 may 1978  
**Decaption Date:** 01 jan 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 20 Mar 2014  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1978VIENNA04797  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D780221-0324  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** VIENNA  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1978/newtext/t19780517/aaaaanxl.tel  
**Line Count:** 76  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** 726e3096-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ACTION IO  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 78 STATE 132076, 78 VIENNA 4737, 78 VIENNA 4698  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 18 may 2005  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 2559639  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** UN COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS: ADOPTION OF G-77 RESOLUTION ON SOUTHERN AFRICA  
**TAGS:** EINV  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/726e3096-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Sheryl P. Walter  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014  
**Markings:** Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014